

All Tied Up

SOMETIMES TRADITION IS A GOOD THING, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT TAKES THE stress out of gift giving. June is the month of dads and grads, and a new tie is still a classic — and much-appreciated — choice for either. Here, a selection with something for everyone, whether they are young or young at heart.

— *Melanie Haiken*

1. Salvatore Ferragamo

Like a kite high in a summer sky, stripes tell the world you're going places. Salvatore Ferragamo's vivid colors are not for the faint of heart. Combinations include: red/orange/gray, fuchsia/green/gray, and olive/orange. The "Stola" tie is printed on silk twill in Italy. \$120; <http://ferragamo.neimanmarcus.com>

2. Thomas Pink

Think Pink, both the color and the name. A textured fabric woven to give a slight iridescent sheen, the Ibis Check, shown here in pink and white, is the cutting edge this season. What more would you expect from the house of Thomas Pink? \$85; 212.838.1928

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3. Brooks Brothers

Follow in the footsteps of Tucker Carlson — and then go one step further. This is the year of the bow tie, and what easier way to experiment than with a fun polka-dot style from Brooks Brothers? Available in burgundy, gold, navy, red, or silver. \$42.50; brooksbrothers.com

4. Beau Ties

Hand made in Middlebury, Vt., by local craftspeople, the astonishingly varied offerings of Beau Ties Ltd. include traditional prints, original artist's designs, stripes, and solids both simple and exotic. There's even a baseball lover's option (we're not saying which one we'd pick). Each bow tie is available as either a pre-tied, clip-on, or freestyle, which means you tie it yourself (the method preferred by connoisseurs). Starting at \$35; 800.488.8437 or beautiesltd.com

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5. Jos. A. Bank

Classic without in any way being stuffy, Jos. A. Bank ties are the perfect antidote to the Monday morning blues. Lift your spirits — and those of office-mates — with this lime green pencil stripe, printed on Italian silk. \$69.50; josbank.com

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